



June 1, 2012

June is **open enrollment month** for medical and dental insurance changes. If you would like to make a change to your medical and/or dental insurance, please complete a [Medical and Dental Change Form](#) and return it to HR between June 1st and June 30th. Changes will be effective July 1, 2012.



Secretary of the Interior for the United States, Ken Salazar was in Nashville to recognize the Harpeth River Restoration Project. President Obama and the Interior Secretary launched a new Rivers Initiative to protect and restore rivers across the country as a major component of their America's Great Outdoors project that was launched two years ago. Overall goals of the Rivers Initiative also include enhancing river recreation and supporting jobs in tourism and outdoor recreation. **The Harpeth River was chosen to be the Demonstration Project for**

Tennessee. There will be one project/river for each state and territory.

City Attorney Shauna Billingsley is working on a service project she affectionately calls "**Badges with Bears**". As the District Representative for the **Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyer Division**, she has been tasked with coordinating a service project for this area. During the month of June, she will be collecting new stuffed animals or monetary donations at her office. The Young Lawyer Division will present the stuffed animals to the Franklin Police Department, who will give them to children involved in vehicle accidents or involved in domestic calls. **Anyone wishing to donate, please see Shauna or drop off your item(s) at her office.**

Dedicated **Street Department** employee & **Senior Maintenance Technician Owen Venable** passed ASE exams in April 2012 for recertification in the following:

A1R Automobile: Engine Repair

A2R Automobile: Automatic Transmission/Transaxle

A3R Automobile: Manual Drive Train & Axles

A4R Automobile: Suspension & Steering

A5R Automobile: Brakes

A6R Automobile: Electrical/Electronic Systems

A7R Automobile: Heating & Air Conditioning

A8R Automobile: Engine Performance

Congratulations Owen! That's a lot of certifications in one shot. Great job!

Another City of Franklin employee deserves a big congrats . . . our own **Mike Proctor from MIT** was recently promoted to **First Sergeant of his National Guard Unit** out of Centerville. This is a huge responsible and a real complement to Mike's abilities and dedication. Great job, Mike. Thank you for your service not only to the citizens of Franklin but also to our country.

This year, the City of Franklin will host the entire **Franklin on the Fourth event at The Park at Harlinsdale Farm**. This is a great opportunity and one that we think will benefit not only the traditional daytime event usually held on the Square, but the fireworks viewing as well. The event will run from 11 a.m. until the conclusion of the Fireworks (approximately 9:30 p.m.). **The City is seeking help from our employees to assist with the event. Any hourly employee assisting that day will receive holiday pay PLUS time and a half for the hours spent working the event. Exempt employees may volunteer but are not eligible for additional compensation.**

There are four 4-hour shifts: 10:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.; 2:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.; 5:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.; and 6:15 p.m. – 10:15 p.m. Employees can work a minimum of one 4-hour shift or maximum of two 4-hour shifts (8 hours maximum). Duties include parking, traffic control/monitors, and roamers. Mandatory training will be held before the event (everyone working must attend one of the training sessions). Anyone interested should send their name, department, email address, and two reliable contact numbers to annas@franklintn.gov or 550-6942 before noon on June 22nd. Vests and flashlights will be provided. If rain is expected, please bring your own raincoat. In the unlikely event that the event is cancelled after the employee has already arrived at the park, you will still receive two hours of overtime pay. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Fire's Jamie Melton is the NEW winner of the Mayor's parking spot next week! **Sarah Glenn nominated Jamie**. She said, "I want to nominate Jamie Melton for being such an awesome employee. Not only is Jamie dedicated to our department, works very hard (even while dealing with family illness), juggles a number of tasks at any given time, and is a joy to be around, she is a great friend to her co-workers as well. Jamie is always patient, kind, and caring to our citizens as well as to all her co-workers. Today (I was vocalizing my most recent pregnancy craving for Pecan Pie....warm with ice cream of course!) Jamie called Puckett's, ordered a slice of Pecan pie and a side of ice cream, had them heat the pie and walked two blocks in the rain to bring me exactly what I wanted. She's THE BEST!" Jamie will begin parking in the Mayor's spot on Monday, June 4. **If you see someone doing a good job, nominate them at agoodjob@franklintn.gov We have had many repeat Good Job Employees, think of someone who has not received this honor before and recognize their hard work...It doesn't have to be in City Hall!**

Have a nice weekend. Thank you for all you do!

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